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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 1813

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SUBJ: MURDER OF ARABI EL GONI

1. CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MURDER OF ARABI EL GONI, SECOND VP OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ARE STILL UNCLEAR. WHAT IS KNOWN IS THAT ON RETURN TO ABECHÉ BY ROAD FROM VISIT TO HIS HEARD OF CATTLE ON OCTOBER 22 HE WAS HIT IN ABDOMEN BY SINGLE BULLET FIRED AT HIS CAR AND DIED ABOARD AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO N'DJAMENA.

2. PRESS AND RADIO HAVE BEEN FULL OF EULOGIES FOR EL GONI WHO HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN PRE-INDEPENDENCE POLITICS AND HAD KEPT HIS SEAT IN MOST OF CHAD'S ELECTED LEGISLATIVE BODIES SINCE 1946. ELECTED FROM ABECHÉ, HE REPRESENTED LOYAL ARAB POPULATIONS OF EASTERN CHAD. HE WAS HOWEVER WITHOUT POLITICAL POWER.

3. DIFFICULTY IN PINPOINTING RESPONSIBILITY ILLUSTRATES ONCE
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AGAIN COMPLEX, DISPARATE, UNDEFINABLE NATURE OF CHAD'S SECURITY

PROBLEM. STORIES ATTRIBUTE KILLING TO FAMILY FEUDS, BANDITS, REBELS
OR TO SHEER ACCIDENT. ALTHOUGH GOC HAS NOT TIED IT TO FROLINAT,
LATTER ORGANIZATION MAY TRY TO REGAIN ITS FALTERING MOMENTUM BY
CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY. WE CAN NOT KNOW MUCH MORE UNTIL GOC
CONDUCTS INVESTIGATION AND WE MIGHT NOT KNOW VERY MUCH EVEN
THEN.
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